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| For:              | METHODS FOR FORMING A CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURE USING<br>OXYGEN DIFFUSION THROUGH ONE METAL LAYER TO OXIDIZE A<br>SECOND METAL LAYER (As Amended) |   |                 |                 |

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 19 December 2006:

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."